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INITIATIVE 340

I, Sam Reed, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that, according to the records on file in my office, the attached copy of Initiative Measure No. 340 to the Legislature is a true and correct copy as it was received by this office.

1 AN ACT Relating to limiting government-imposed charges on motor
2 vehicles; amending RCW 81.100.060, 36.120.050, 82.08.020, 82.44.065,
3 35.95A.130, 81.104.160, 46.16.237, and 46.16.270; reenacting and
4 amending RCW 46.16.0621 and 46.16.070; adding a new section to chapter
5 82.44 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 82.80.100, 82.80.130,
6 46.16.071, the annual vehicle fees added by Engrossed Substitute Senate
7 Bill No. 6103, and the annual vehicle fees added by Substitute Senate
8 Bill No. 5177; and providing an effective date.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

POLICIES AND PURPOSES

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Voters have twice approved \$30 tabs, yet
12 politicians are ignoring the voters' repeated, unambiguous mandate by
13 imposing higher and higher vehicle taxes and fees, by inflating
14 vehicles' values in order to extract artificially high amounts of
15 revenue from taxpayers, and by ignoring the provisions of voter-
16 approved initiatives. It's not fair and it must stop. As long as
17 taxpayers must pay a huge general sales tax to buy a vehicle (meaning
18 state and local governments receive huge windfalls of sales tax revenue

1 from these transactions) and pay a huge gas tax to use a vehicle, the
2 people find that the government is not entitled to a "third bite of the
3 apple," taxes and fees above a reasonable annual amount to simply own
4 a vehicle. Without this follow-up measure, "tab creep" will continue
5 until license tab fees are once again obscenely expensive, as they were
6 prior to Initiative 695. This measure and each of its provisions
7 limits government-imposed charges on motor vehicles. This measure
8 would set license tab fees at \$30 per year for motor vehicles, repeal
9 certain vehicle excise taxes and fees, establish a fair vehicle
10 valuation schedule based on latest purchase price, not the artificially
11 inflated manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP), and eliminate
12 voter-repealed vehicle excise taxes and fees by requiring retirement of
13 certain bonds. Politicians promised "\$30 license tabs are here to
14 stay." Politicians should keep their promises. \$30 means \$30.

15 **LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**
16 **BY LIMITING FEES TO \$30 PER YEAR**

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.0621 and 2003 c 1 s 2 are each reenacted and
18 amended to read as follows:

19 1) (~~License tab fees are required to be thirty dollars per year~~
20 ~~for motor vehicles, regardless of year, value, make, or model~~) License
21 tab fees are required to be \$30 per year for motor vehicles, regardless
22 of year, value, make, or model.

23 2) (~~For the purposes of this section, "license tab fees" are~~
24 ~~defined as the general fees paid annually for licensing motor vehicles~~
25 ~~and trailers as defined in RCW 46.04.620 and 46.04.623, including cars,~~
26 ~~sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, and motor homes. Trailers~~
27 ~~licensed under RCW 46.16.068 or 46.16.085 and campers licensed under~~
28 ~~RCW 46.16.505 are not required to pay license tab fees under this~~
29 ~~section)) For the purposes of this section, "license tab fees" are~~
30 defined as the general fees paid annually for licensing motor vehicles,
31 including but not limited to cars, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles,
32 and motor homes. This fee shall be paid and collected annually and is
33 due at the time of initial and renewal vehicle registration. Trailers
34 licensed under RCW 46.16.068, 46.16.085, 46.04.620, or 46.04.623 and
35 campers licensed under RCW 46.16.505 are not required to pay license
36 tab fees under this section.

1 **LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON LIGHT TRUCKS BY LIMITING FEES**
2 **TO \$30 PER YEAR (FEES FOR HEAVY TRUCKS AND TRAILERS ARE BASED ON**
3 **GROSS WEIGHT AT RATES LISTED BELOW)**

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.070 and 2005 c ... (ESSB 6103) s 204 are each
5 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) ~~((In lieu of all other vehicle licensing fees, unless~~
7 ~~specifically exempt, and in addition to the mileage fees prescribed for~~
8 ~~buses and stages in RCW 46.16.125, there shall be paid and collected~~
9 ~~annually for each truck, motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor,~~
10 ~~tractor, bus, auto stage, or for hire vehicle with seating capacity of~~
11 ~~more than six, based upon the declared combined gross weight under~~
12 ~~chapter 46.44 RCW, the following licensing fees by weight:))~~ In lieu
13 of all other vehicle licensing fees, unless specifically exempt, and in
14 addition to the mileage fees prescribed for buses and stages in RCW
15 46.16.125, there shall be paid and collected annually for each truck,
16 motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or
17 for hire vehicle with seating capacity of more than six, based upon the
18 declared combined gross weight or declared gross weight under chapter
19 46.44 RCW, the following licensing fees by such gross weight:

((WEIGHT))	((SCHEDULE-A))	((SCHEDULE-B))
<u>DECLARED GROSS WEIGHT</u>	<u>SCHEDULE A</u>	<u>SCHEDULE B</u>
((4,000 lbs.))	\$ ((40.00))	\$ ((40.00))
<u>4,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((6,000 lbs.))	\$ ((50.00))	\$ ((50.00))
<u>6,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((8,000 lbs.))	\$ ((60.00))	\$ ((60.00))
<u>8,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((10,000 lbs.))	\$ ((62.00))	\$ ((62.00))
<u>10,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((12,000 lbs.))	\$ ((79.00))	\$ ((79.00))
<u>12,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((14,000 lbs.))	\$ ((90.00))	\$ ((90.00))
<u>14,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((16,000 lbs.))	\$ ((102.00))	\$ ((102.00))
<u>16,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
((18,000 lbs.))	\$ ((154.00))	\$ ((154.00))
<u>18,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>

1	((20,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((171.00)).	\$ ((171.00))
2	<u>20,000 lbs.</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
3	((22,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((185.00)).	\$ ((185.00))
4	<u>22,000 lbs.</u>	<u>185.00</u>	<u>185.00</u>
5	((24,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((200.00)).	\$ ((200.00))
6	<u>24,000 lbs.</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
7	((26,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((211.00)).	\$ ((211.00))
8	<u>26,000 lbs.</u>	<u>211.00</u>	<u>211.00</u>
9	((28,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((249.00)).	\$ ((249.00))
10	<u>28,000 lbs.</u>	<u>249.00</u>	<u>249.00</u>
11	((30,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((287.00)).	\$ ((287.00))
12	<u>30,000 lbs.</u>	<u>287.00</u>	<u>287.00</u>
13	((32,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((346.00)).	\$ ((346.00))
14	<u>32,000 lbs.</u>	<u>346.00</u>	<u>346.00</u>
15	((34,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((368.00)).	\$ ((368.00))
16	<u>34,000 lbs.</u>	<u>368.00</u>	<u>368.00</u>
17	((36,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((399.00)).	\$ ((399.00))
18	<u>36,000 lbs.</u>	<u>399.00</u>	<u>399.00</u>
19	((38,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((438.00)).	\$ ((438.00))
20	<u>38,000 lbs.</u>	<u>438.00</u>	<u>438.00</u>
21	((40,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((501.00)).	\$ ((501.00))
22	<u>40,000 lbs.</u>	<u>501.00</u>	<u>501.00</u>
23	((42,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((521.00)).	\$ ((611.00))
24	<u>42,000 lbs.</u>	<u>521.00</u>	<u>611.00</u>
25	((44,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((532.00)).	\$ ((622.00))
26	<u>44,000 lbs.</u>	<u>532.00</u>	<u>622.00</u>
27	((46,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((572.00)).	\$ ((662.00))
28	<u>46,000 lbs.</u>	<u>572.00</u>	<u>662.00</u>
29	((48,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((596.00)).	\$ ((686.00))
30	<u>48,000 lbs.</u>	<u>596.00</u>	<u>686.00</u>
31	((50,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((647.00)).	\$ ((737.00))
32	<u>50,000 lbs.</u>	<u>647.00</u>	<u>737.00</u>
33	((52,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((680.00)).	\$ ((770.00))
34	<u>52,000 lbs.</u>	<u>680.00</u>	<u>770.00</u>
35	((54,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((734.00)).	\$ ((824.00))
36	<u>54,000 lbs.</u>	<u>734.00</u>	<u>824.00</u>
37	((56,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((775.00)).	\$ ((865.00))
38	<u>56,000 lbs.</u>	<u>775.00</u>	<u>865.00</u>

1	((58,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((806.00)).	\$ ((896.00))
2	<u>58,000 lbs.</u>	<u>806.00</u>	<u>896.00</u>
3	((60,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((859.00)).	\$ ((949.00))
4	<u>60,000 lbs.</u>	<u>859.00</u>	<u>949.00</u>
5	((62,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((921.00)).	\$ ((1011.00))
6	<u>62,000 lbs.</u>	<u>921.00</u>	<u>1011.00</u>
7	((64,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((941.00)).	\$ ((1031.00))
8	<u>64,000 lbs.</u>	<u>941.00</u>	<u>1031.00</u>
9	((66,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1048.00)).	\$ ((1138.00))
10	<u>66,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1048.00</u>	<u>1138.00</u>
11	((68,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1093.00)).	\$ ((1183.00))
12	<u>68,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1093.00</u>	<u>1183.00</u>
13	((70,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1177.00)).	\$ ((1267.00))
14	<u>70,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1177.00</u>	<u>1267.00</u>
15	((72,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1259.00)).	\$ ((1349.00))
16	<u>72,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1259.00</u>	<u>1349.00</u>
17	((74,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1368.00)).	\$ ((1458.00))
18	<u>74,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1368.00</u>	<u>1458.00</u>
19	((76,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1478.00)).	\$ ((1568.00))
20	<u>76,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1478.00</u>	<u>1568.00</u>
21	((78,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1614.00)).	\$ ((1704.00))
22	<u>78,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1614.00</u>	<u>1704.00</u>
23	((80,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1742.00)).	\$ ((1832.00))
24	<u>80,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1742.00</u>	<u>1832.00</u>
25	((82,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1863.00)).	\$ ((1953.00))
26	<u>82,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1863.00</u>	<u>1953.00</u>
27	((84,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((1983.00)).	\$ ((2073.00))
28	<u>84,000 lbs.</u>	<u>1983.00</u>	<u>2073.00</u>
29	((86,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((2104.00)).	\$ ((2194.00))
30	<u>86,000 lbs.</u>	<u>2104.00</u>	<u>2194.00</u>
31	((88,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((2225.00)).	\$ ((2315.00))
32	<u>88,000 lbs.</u>	<u>2225.00</u>	<u>2315.00</u>
33	((90,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((2346.00)).	\$ ((2436.00))
34	<u>90,000 lbs.</u>	<u>2346.00</u>	<u>2436.00</u>
35	((92,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((2466.00)).	\$ ((2556.00))
36	<u>92,000 lbs.</u>	<u>2466.00</u>	<u>2556.00</u>
37	((94,000 lbs.)).	\$ ((2587.00)).	\$ ((2677.00))
38	<u>94,000 lbs.</u>	<u>2587.00</u>	<u>2677.00</u>

1	((96,000 lbs.))	.....	\$	((2708.00))	.....	\$	((2798.00))
2	<u>96,000 lbs.</u>			<u>2708.00</u>			<u>2798.00</u>
3	((98,000 lbs.))	.....	\$	((2829.00))	.....	\$	((2919.00))
4	<u>98,000 lbs.</u>			<u>2829.00</u>			<u>2919.00</u>
5	((100,000 lbs.))	.....	\$	((2949.00))	.....	\$	((3039.00))
6	<u>100,000 lbs.</u>			<u>2949.00</u>			<u>3039.00</u>
7	((102,000 lbs.))	.....	\$	((3070.00))	.....	\$	((3160.00))
8	<u>102,000 lbs.</u>			<u>3070.00</u>			<u>3160.00</u>
9	((104,000 lbs.))	.....	\$	((3191.00))	.....	\$	((3281.00))
10	<u>104,000 lbs.</u>			<u>3191.00</u>			<u>3281.00</u>
11	((105,500 lbs.))	.....	\$	((3312.00))	.....	\$	((3402.00))
12	<u>105,500 lbs.</u>			<u>3312.00</u>			<u>3402.00</u>

13 Schedule A applies to vehicles either used exclusively for hauling
14 logs or that do not tow trailers. Schedule B applies to vehicles that
15 tow trailers and are not covered under Schedule A.

16 Every truck, motor truck, truck tractor, and tractor exceeding
17 ~~((6000))~~ 20,000 pounds empty scale weight registered under chapter
18 46.16, 46.87, or 46.88 RCW shall be licensed for not less than one
19 hundred fifty percent of its empty weight unless the amount would be in
20 excess of the legal limits prescribed for such a vehicle in RCW
21 46.44.041 or 46.44.042, in which event the vehicle shall be licensed
22 for the maximum weight authorized for such a vehicle or unless the
23 vehicle is used only for the purpose of transporting any well drilling
24 machine, air compressor, rock crusher, conveyor, hoist, donkey engine,
25 cook house, tool house, bunk house, or similar machine or structure
26 attached to or made a part of such vehicle.

27 The following provisions apply when increasing gross or combined
28 gross weight for a vehicle licensed under this section:

29 (a) The new license fee will be one-twelfth of the fee listed above
30 for the new gross weight, multiplied by the number of months remaining
31 in the period for which licensing fees have been paid, including the
32 month in which the new gross weight is effective.

33 (b) Upon surrender of the current certificate of registration or
34 cab card, the new licensing fees due shall be reduced by the amount of
35 the licensing fees previously paid for the same period for which new
36 fees are being charged.

37 (2) The proceeds from the fees collected under subsection (1) of
38 this section shall be distributed in accordance with RCW 46.68.035.

(3) In lieu of the gross weight fee under subsection (1) of this section, farm vehicles may be licensed upon payment of the fee in effect under subsection (1) of this section on May 1, 2005. In order to qualify for the reduced fee under this subsection, the farm vehicle must be exempt from property taxes in accordance with RCW 84.36.630. The applicant must submit copies of the forms required under RCW 84.36.630. The application for the reduced fee under this subsection shall require the applicant to attest that the vehicle shall be used primarily for farming purposes. The department shall provide licensing agents and subagents with a schedule of the appropriate licensing fees for farm vehicles.

**LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES
BY REPEALING NEW MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES**

Sec. 4. RCW 81.100.060 and 2002 c 56 s 411 are each amended to read as follows:

A county with a population of one million or more and a county with a population of from two hundred ten thousand to less than one million that is adjoining a county with a population of one million or more, having within their boundaries existing or planned high-occupancy vehicle lanes on the state highway system, or a regional transportation investment district for capital improvements, but only to the extent that the surcharge has not already been imposed by the county, may, with voter approval, impose a local surcharge of not more than ~~((three-tenths of one percent of the value on vehicles registered to a person residing within the county and not more than))~~ 13.64 percent on the state sales and use taxes paid under the rate in RCW 82.08.020(2) on retail car rentals within the county or investment district. A county may impose the surcharge only to the extent that it has not been imposed by the district. ~~((No surcharge may be imposed on vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.070 except vehicles with an unladen weight of six thousand pounds or less, RCW 46.16.079, 46.16.085, or 46.16.090.))~~

Counties or investment districts imposing a ~~((tax))~~ surcharge under this section shall contract, before the effective date of the resolution or ordinance imposing a surcharge, for the administration and collection ~~((to the state department of licensing, and))~~ of the surcharge with the department of revenue ~~((, as appropriate))~~, which shall deduct an amount, as provided by contract, for administration and

1 collection expenses incurred by the department. (~~All administrative~~
2 ~~provisions in chapters 82.03, 82.32, and 82.44 RCW shall, insofar as~~
3 ~~they are applicable to motor vehicle excise taxes, be applicable to~~
4 ~~surcharges imposed under this section.~~) All administrative provisions
5 in chapters 82.03, 82.08, 82.12, and 82.32 RCW shall, insofar as they
6 are applicable to state sales and use taxes, be applicable to
7 surcharges imposed under this section.

8 If the tax authorized in RCW 81.100.030 is also imposed, the total
9 proceeds from tax sources imposed under this section and RCW 81.100.030
10 each year shall not exceed the maximum amount which could be collected
11 under this section.

12 Valuation of motor vehicles for purposes of any special excise tax
13 imposed under RCW 81.100.060 must be consistent with section 10 of this
14 act.

15 Counties or investment districts under RCW 81.100.060 must abide by
16 the policies and provisions of section 14 of this act.

17 **LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**
18 **BY REPEALING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES AND FEES**

19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.120.050 and 2003 c 350 s 4 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) A regional transportation investment district planning
22 committee may, as part of a regional transportation investment plan,
23 recommend the imposition of some or all of the following revenue
24 sources, which a regional transportation investment district may impose
25 upon approval of the voters as provided in this chapter:

26 (a) A regional sales and use tax, as specified in RCW 82.14.430, of
27 up to 0.5 percent of the selling price, in the case of a sales tax, or
28 value of the article used, in the case of a use tax, upon the
29 occurrence of any taxable event in the regional transportation
30 investment district;

31 (b) (~~A local option vehicle license fee, as specified under RCW~~
32 ~~82.80.100, of up to one hundred dollars per vehicle registered in the~~
33 ~~district. As used in this subsection, "vehicle" means motor vehicle as~~
34 ~~defined in RCW 46.04.320. Certain classes of vehicles, as defined~~
35 ~~under chapter 46.04 RCW, may be exempted from this fee;~~

36 (c)) A parking tax under RCW 82.80.030;

1 ~~((d)) A local motor vehicle excise tax under RCW 81.100.060 and~~
2 ~~chapter 81.104 RCW;~~

3 ~~(e))~~ (c) A local option fuel tax under 82.80.120;

4 ~~((f))~~ (d) An employer excise tax under RCW 81.100.030; and

5 ~~((g))~~ (e) Vehicle tolls on new or reconstructed facilities.
6 Unless otherwise specified by law, the department shall administer the
7 collection of vehicle tolls on designated facilities, and the state
8 transportation commission, or its successor, shall be the tolling
9 authority.

10 (2) Taxes, fees, and tolls may not be imposed without an
11 affirmative vote of the majority of the voters within the boundaries of
12 the district voting on a ballot proposition as set forth in RCW
13 36.120.070. Revenues from these taxes and fees may be used only to
14 implement the plan as set forth in this chapter. A district may
15 contract with the state department of revenue or other appropriate
16 entities for administration and collection of any of the taxes or fees
17 authorized in this section.

18 (3) Existing statewide motor vehicle fuel and special fuel taxes,
19 at the distribution rates in effect on January 1, 2001, are not
20 intended to be altered by this chapter.

21 (4) Valuation of motor vehicles for purposes of any special excise
22 tax imposed under RCW 36.120.050 must be consistent with section 10 of
23 this act.

24 (5) Any investment district or other governmental entity under RCW
25 81.104.160 must abide by the policies and provisions of section 14 of
26 this act.

27 **Sec. 6.** RCW 82.08.020 and 2003 c 361 s 301 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) There is levied and there shall be collected a tax on each
30 retail sale in this state equal to six and five-tenths percent of the
31 selling price.

32 (2) There is levied and there shall be collected an additional tax
33 on each retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is
34 licensed in this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the
35 selling price. The revenue collected under this subsection shall be
36 deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW
37 47.66.070.

1 ~~((Beginning July 1, 2003, there is levied and collected an~~
2 ~~additional tax of three tenths of one percent of the selling price on~~
3 ~~each retail sale of a motor vehicle in this state, other than retail~~
4 ~~car rentals taxed under subsection (2) of this section. The revenue~~
5 ~~collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the multimodal~~
6 ~~transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.~~

7 ~~(4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, "motor vehicle"~~
8 ~~has the meaning provided in RCW 46.04.320, but does not include farm~~
9 ~~tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180 and 46.04.181,~~
10 ~~off-road and nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.020, and~~
11 ~~snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.10.010.~~

12 ~~(5))~~ The taxes imposed under this chapter shall apply to
13 successive retail sales of the same property.

14 ~~((+7))~~ (4) The rates provided in this section apply to taxes
15 imposed under chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

16 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.16.237 and 2005 c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as
17 follows:

18 All vehicle license number plates issued after January 1, 1968, or
19 such earlier date as the director may prescribe with respect to plates
20 issued in any county, shall be treated with fully reflectorized
21 materials designed to increase the visibility and legibility of such
22 plates at night. In addition to all other fees prescribed by law,
23 there shall be paid and collected for each vehicle license number plate
24 treated with such materials, the sum of ~~((two dollars))~~ fifty cents and
25 for each set of two plates, the sum of ~~((four dollars.))~~ one dollar:
26 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, one plate is available only to those vehicles that
27 by law require only one plate. Such fees shall be deposited in the
28 motor vehicle fund.

29 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.16.270 and 2005 c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as
30 follows:

31 The total replacement plate fee shall be deposited in the motor
32 vehicle fund.

33 Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the
34 vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than
35 one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so
36 illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, or
37 upon the owner's option, the owner of the vehicle shall make

1 application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished
2 by the director. The application shall be filed with the director or
3 the director's authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of
4 license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of ~~((ten))~~
5 three dollars per plate, whereupon the director, or the director's
6 authorized agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the
7 applicant. It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new
8 motorcycle license number plate. In the event the director has issued
9 license period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license
10 number plates, and upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of the
11 tabs or windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided
12 by the director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be
13 accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each
14 windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant
15 a duplicate pair of tabs, year tabs, and when necessary month tabs or
16 a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced, or destroyed. For
17 vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any
18 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of
19 the state of Washington or United States government, or owned or leased
20 by the governing body of an Indian tribe as defined in RCW 46.16.020,
21 a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number
22 plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020,
23 46.16.237, and 46.01.140. For vehicles owned, rented, or leased by
24 foreign countries or international bodies to which the United States
25 government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the
26 replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required.

27 **LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**
28 **BY REPEALING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES AND FEES**

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The following acts or parts of acts are
30 hereby repealed:

31 (1) RCW 82.80.100 (Regional transportation investment district --
32 Local option vehicle license fee) and 2002 c 56 s 408;

33 (2) RCW 82.80.130 (Passenger-only ferry service - Local option
34 motor vehicle excise tax authorized) and 2003 c 83 s 206;

35 (3) RCW 46.16.071 (Additional fees) and 1996 c 315 s 4;

36 (4) RCW 46.--.--- and 2005 c ... (The annual vehicle fees added by
37 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6103) s 201; and

(5) RCW 82.80.--- and 2005 c ... (The annual vehicle fees by Substitute Senate Bill No. 5177) s 16.

**LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES
BY BASING VEHICLE VALUATIONS ON LATEST PURCHASE PRICE, NOT THE
ARTIFICIALLY INFLATED MANUFACTURER'S SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE (MSRP)**

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section to chapter 82.44 RCW is added and reads as follows:

A motor vehicle excise tax must be fairly calculated so the burden on vehicle owners is not artificially inflated. For the purpose of determining a motor vehicle excise tax, any taxing district imposing a motor vehicle excise tax must set a vehicle's taxable value by using the depreciation schedule set forth by this section. The taxable value depends on a vehicle's age (year of service) and base value which must be the latest purchase price of a vehicle. The base value is used in combination with the depreciation schedule to calculate the tax. This formula ensures a fair calculation of the tax.

(1) For the purpose of determining the tax under this chapter, the value of a truck-type power or trailing unit, or motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, motor home, sport-utility vehicle, or light-duty truck shall be the latest purchase price of the vehicle, excluding applicable federal excise taxes, state and local sales or use taxes, transportation or shipping costs, or preparatory or delivery costs, multiplied by the following percentage based on year of service of the vehicle since last sale. The latest purchase year shall be considered the first year of service.

Year of Service	Percentage
1 (new vehicles)	100%
2	75%
3	60%
4	50%
5	40%
6	30%
7	20%
8	10%

(2) The reissuance of title and registration for a truck-type power or trailing unit or motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, motor home, sport-utility vehicle, or light-duty truck because of the installation of body or special equipment shall be treated as a sale, and the value of the truck-type power or trailing unit or motor vehicle, including a passenger vehicle, motorcycle, motor home, sport-utility vehicle, or light-duty truck at that time, as determined by the department from such information as may be available, shall be considered the latest purchase price.

(3) If the value is unavailable or otherwise unascertainable at the time of initial registration in this state, the department shall determine a value equivalent to the latest purchase price as follows:

(a) The department shall determine a value using any information that may be available, including any guidebook, report, or compendium of recognized standing in the automotive industry or the selling price and year of sale of the vehicle. The department may use an appraisal by the county assessor. In valuing a vehicle for which the current value or selling price is not indicative of the value of similar vehicles of the same year and model, the department shall establish a value that more closely represents the average value of similar vehicles of the same year and model.

(b) The value determined in (a) of this subsection shall be divided by the applicable percentage listed in this subsection to establish a value equivalent to the purchase price. The applicable percentage shall be based on the year of service of the vehicle for which the value is determined.

(4) For purposes of this chapter, value shall exclude value attributable to modifications of a motor vehicle and equipment that are designed to facilitate the use or operation of the motor vehicle by a handicapped person.

(5) For RCW 35.95A.130, the tax does not apply to year of service 1 (new vehicles). For all other taxing districts, including but not limited to taxing districts under RCW 81.104.160, the tax applies to year of service 1 through year of service 9 or older.

Sec. 11. RCW 82.44.065 and 1990 c 42 s 305 each amended to read as follows:

1 If the department determines a value for a motor vehicle under
2 (~~((RCW 82.44.041 equivalent to a manufacturer's base suggested retail~~
3 ~~price))) section 10 of this act or the value of a truck-type power or~~
4 ~~trailing unit under ((RCW 82.44.041(2))) section 10 of this act, any~~
5 person who pays the tax under this chapter for that vehicle may appeal
6 the valuation to the department under chapter 34.05 RCW. If the
7 taxpayer is successful on appeal, the department shall refund the
8 excess tax in the manner provided in RCW 82.44.120.

9 **Sec. 12.** RCW 35.95A.130 and 2002 c 248 s 14 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 The special excise tax imposed under RCW 35.95A.080(1) will be
12 collected at the same time and in the same manner as relicensing tab
13 fees under RCW 46.16.0621 and 35.95A.090. Every year on January 1st,
14 April 1st, July 1st, and October 1st the department of licensing shall
15 remit special excise taxes collected on behalf of an authority, back to
16 the authority, at no cost to the authority. Valuation of motor
17 vehicles for purposes of the special excise tax imposed under RCW
18 35.95A.080(1) must be consistent with (~~(chapter 82.44 RCW))~~ section 10
19 of this act.

20 Any agency or governmental entity under RCW 35.95A.130 must abide
21 by the policies and provisions of section 14 of this act.

22 **Sec. 13.** RCW 81.104.160 and 2003 c 1 s 6 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 An agency may impose a sales and use tax solely for the purpose of
25 providing high capacity transportation service, in addition to the tax
26 authorized by RCW 82.14.030, upon retail car rentals within the
27 agency's jurisdiction that are taxable by the state under chapters
28 82.02 and 82.12 RCW. The rate of tax shall not exceed 2.172 percent.
29 The base of the tax shall be the selling price in the case of a sales
30 tax or the rental value of the vehicle used in the case of the use tax.

31 Any motor vehicle excise tax previously imposed under the
32 provisions of RCW 81.104.160(1) shall be repealed, terminated and
33 expire on December 5, 2002.

34 Valuation of motor vehicles for purposes of any special excise tax
35 imposed under RCW 81.104.160 must be consistent with section 10 of this
36 act.

1 Any agency or governmental entity under RCW 81.104.160 must abide
2 by the policies and provisions of section 14 of this act.

3 **LIMITING GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CHARGES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**
4 **BY ELIMINATING OR REDUCING VOTER-REPEALED OR VOTER-REDUCED**
5 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES OR FEES**

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Any governmental entity, including, but not
7 limited to, any taxing district, agency, investment district, benefit
8 district, or improvement authority that issues or has issued calleable
9 bonds pledging a motor vehicle excise tax or vehicle fee and that tax
10 or fee is repealed by a measure approved by a majority of voters at an
11 election must retire the bonds within thirty days of the effective date
12 of this act or the earliest retirement date permitted under the bond
13 contract if the retirement of the bonds results in the reduction of
14 government-imposed charges on motor vehicles. Any governmental entity,
15 including, but not limited to, any taxing district, agency, investment
16 district, benefit district, or improvement authority that issues or has
17 issued a line of credit pledging a motor vehicle excise tax or vehicle
18 fee and that line of credit interferes, inhibits, or restricts the full
19 implementation of the provisions of this act limiting government-
20 imposed charges on motor vehicles, the governmental entity must cancel
21 the line of credit within 30 days of the effective date of this act.
22 This section does not affect the issuance or reissuance of bonds
23 pledging a revenue source other than a motor vehicle excise tax or
24 vehicle fee or bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the
25 governmental entity. This section does not affect the issuance or
26 reissuance of lines of credit pledging a revenue source other than a
27 motor vehicle excise tax or vehicle fee or pledging the full faith and
28 credit of the governmental entity.

29 For the purpose of this section, "retire" means defease.

30 **MISCELLANEOUS**

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** The provisions of this act are to be
32 liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of
33 this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** If any provision of this act or its
2 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
3 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
4 persons or circumstances is not affected. If the repeal or reduction
5 of any tax or fee in this act is judicially held to impair any contract
6 in existence as of the effective date of this act, any unused taxing
7 authority shall be repealed as of the effective date of this act and
8 the repeal of pledged revenues shall apply to any other contract,
9 including novation, renewal, or refunding (in the case of bond
10 contract).

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** Part headings used in this act are not part
12 of the law.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** This act shall be called \$30 Tabs, Round 3
14 - Don't Let the Politicians Take Away Our \$30 Tabs and takes effect
15 December 7, 2006. If, for any reason including, but not limited to,
16 litigation, after the effective date of this act, a taxing district
17 continues to collect tax revenue from a tax or fee that is repealed,
18 reduced, or eliminated by this act, or any other act, the taxing
19 district shall refund the entire tax or fee paid and pay 18% annualized
20 interest (calculated from the effective date of this measure to the
21 date the refunds are sent) on the refund amount due to vehicle owners.
22 The people find that taxpayers deserve to be compensated when state or
23 local governments delay the implementation of a voter-approved measure.

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